EDITORIALS

OUR "STRAW BALLOT"

This ballot is being given at once to the nation in the primary elections of those states where the people are given an opportunity to express their preference in nominating and electing a President of the United States. The results are not binding upon delegates at large of those states, but nevertheless it is a sign of temperature for the people to have a voice in selecting candidates.

Even if the result is still advisory it is advantageous to permit the people to have a voice.

On our front page today what is STRAW BALLOT. The same ballot will be published next week that we are now issuing.

This straw ballot is published for just one reason. We think you have a right to say whom you would like to see nominated for President. We have published the ballot in this straw ballot. We are not interested in your name and after the ballots are returned for tabulation we intend to burn them.

We make no claims for what such a straw vote will indicate. We do think it is just fairly safe to say that if 100 people vote in this straw ballot and we will have to admit that 100 people are interested enough to vote on the matter, that they would like to see who the party nominations.

BLOODMOBILE VISIT

A visit of the Red Cross Bloodmobile is to make next April 21 a day of entertainment even to those volunteer workers who are seeking good blood. This is a most worthy cause.

MR. TRUMAN RETIRES

One of the temptations is to respond to it attempt to get the credit for a party victory. Robert and we give Harry S. Truman the proper place. We are sure we have the answer to our presentation to possess the only view tweeter for an accurate appraisal.

Mr. Truman's dramatic statement yesterday said that he would not be a candidate for re-election. We believe he has made the right decision. We think it was best for the country as a whole that Truman should not be given a party and opportunity to run for two full terms. We do not believe that the people of the nation are overwhelmingly for Mr. Truman as a candidate for re-election.

Let the party make the best use of that opportunity, and when the free nominations has been made, let the party come rallying behind whatever leader is chosen.

The Republican party has been given a fortunate future over the head of any that has the Democratic party.

There will be plenty of time in the long course of history to pass judgment on the administration of Harry Truman as President. The important thing now is to work out and accomplish what party the strongest and ablest men for the big election in November.

SPELLING MATCHES

Of late, many schools in Appomattox County have held spelling matches. Considerable public interest has been developed in crowning the champion spellers in each class and school and then for the county as a whole.

We never could find justification for the lack of attention given to spelling in modern schools. And the same goes for penmanship and for simple arithmetic.

Lately many summer employers discover that the present and succeeding high school graduates to whom they gave a position cannot spell, have poor penmanship and inadequate knowledge of arithmetic. All too often such employees have to be severed from their jobs. Some go to a business school in a belated effort to make up for what they failed to get in the public schools.

Often young employees manage to hang on to their positions, but are passed over when it comes to promotions because they did not learn spelling, writing and arithmetic in their classroom days.

The spelling bee is a good thing. It was a good thing in the time of our grandparents. It is still good now.

We congratulating the champion spellers, as we hope that their tribe will increase.

WITH OTHER EDITORS

STRONG STAND

(Business Bar)

An interesting new way to get conservation and about half the conservation and about half the conservation and about half against. During the campaign a candidate makes his speech and then someone (usually from the audience "hecks" him or how you stand on this and that question. Understand the last two things are for the two and one half an hour. Frankly, it's how issue I want a distinctly unpartisan right here that I'll be trying to do.

In the past twenty years great strides have been made in politics, and politicians in improving their methods of getting elected. Let's, on the other hand, have great strides been made in improving, or in fact, maintaining many tests of those who have worked hardware, and in the field of politics.

Political parties are well organized and employ experts in the art of electioneering. We, the voters, are essentially unorganized. We do vote, usually casting our vote after hearing for one party in every election regardless of the candidates. Some people just don't bother to vote, even though their numbers are sufficient to put out the most powerful candidate in office. Why not, in collusion one way or another. Then is a most fortunate situation in this country that the people have it in their power to vote, and what is more, to vote wisely. The value of the independents vanishes, however, if they vote for Democrat or Republican because he may be a better candidate. Let's take advantage of the power we have and vote intelligently. It has proved, however, has shown that the economical men and women can make the right vote personal enough to always register or to attempt to vote. The independents that is responsible for opportunity, take it do so with adequate deliberation.

Our future would be an assurance of our elected leaders that we have established men suited to the jobs they hold. Our responsibility and it a young, young and get in there or at least someone. If reasonable will not persuade them to be careful, perhaps fear of punishment. Under Virginia's new law which will become effective June 15, a second offense of speeding within a year will mean mandatory revocation of driver's permit. This should prove a hairy deterrent.

EDITORIAL REVIEW

Below is a thumb-nail review of editorial comment on the showing of popular support for Eisenhower in presidential primary:

Atlanta Journal: Whether the regular Republican organization wants Eisenhower or not, it is beginning to look as though it may have to accept him.

Birmingham News: To us it now looks very much as though Eisenhower is on his way to victory.

Charlotte (N. C.) News: The American people are tired of the old, familiar faces on the national political scene.

Dallas News: Eisenhower has a very good chance to defeat anybody but the best of candidates on the Democratic ticket in Texas.

El Paso Times-Herald: Eisenhower is the man that the rank and file of the people want for president.

Detroit Free Press: The people of Minnesota proved conclusively that Ike's appeal is not regional.

Indianapolis Star: The voters are getting tired of the regular party politicians.

Ft. Lovin Post-Dispatch: Voters are out of patience with party issued nominations.

Tampa Tribune: The Eisenhower vote cannot be explained by anything except personal appeal.

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VOTE WISELY

(Editor's Note: The following is reprinted by permission from the April issue of "Virginia Activities," official publication of the Appomattox Garnett Club.)

1952 is an important year politically, perhaps more important than any year since the close of the Civil War. Democratic. This year has special significance because it is the last time it is year and a president is to be elected. The vote, something that we have taken for granted about and now we realize, the importance of the vote getting ability.

Our nation has always had a democratic system through the exercise of a free choice. The right to participate in the government is essential to any democracy but it takes a thinking citizen to maintain a healthy democracy. The right to vote is a responsibility as well as a privilege.

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1. Desperately attempt to successfully maintain an open mind so that you are in the category of the "important voter."

2. Separate the substance of all issues you hear heated into dramatics and cover to earth logic, and then ignore the dramatics.

4. Determine in your own mind which candidate is better equipped to do the job in my appraisal with experience, intelligence and background of true accomplishments.

5. Vote for the man who gets your big score.

The world is boiling today with mighty serious problems and all free nations are looking toward the United States for strength and guidance. We therefore have an obligation not alone to ourselves but to the whole free world, to elect honest leaders capable of shouldering the weighty tasks at hand.

The motion picture is the place to go to get good entertainment, personality and dramatics. The polls are the place to go to get sound government. So let's look toward both ham for entertainment but rather elect, expect, and get sound government.

NOT MOTHER'S WAY

(Winchester Star)

When one has an estate of $20,000,000 or more, is it worth while to burn up one's energy in acquiring more? Apparently Mrs. Hetty Sylvia Howland Green Wilks thought not.

At all events she left when she died last year what perhaps no lady else in the world had contrived for a considerable period — a routinely idle checking account of $51,448,229, which had made her the most welcome of depositors.

That wasn't her mother's way. Mrs. Hetty Green, who died in 1916 at the age of 81, kept her money at work, and hugely enjoyed being a make-do-er to her dollars. She was rewarded the greatest woman financier in history.

From girlhood Mrs. Green had been taught what money would do, and what to do with it, and she did not longer her reasons. At her death she was reputed to be the world's richest woman, and Wall Street guessed her wealth all the way from $26,000,000 to $100,000,000. She never revealed what it was. She makes it most of the big corporations everywhere and big enough in New York, Chicago and other cities.

What she would have thought of him, while checking account proposition would have required the use of many arts arithmetic to explain.

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ONE YEAR AGO

Women serve on jury for first time in circuit court session.

Rev. Milner Richardson installed as Worthy Matron of the Appomattox Eastern Star chapter.

Mrs. D. A. Pugh entertained bridge for Mrs. F. Bonner.

Easter, April 14 set for annual Community Week in Appomattox.

L. Gall withdrawn from race for commonwealth's attorney.

A. H. S. baseball team loses to Lynchburg.

Senior play to be presented April 11.

Girl scouts being sought for Girls Club.

TWO YEARS AGO

Announcement made that the Rev. Mr. Lupton will be pastor at the Lynchburg District of Methodist Church.

Appomattox North- School Band singing at the Virginia Theatre.

Plans are made at rehabilitee of Agriculture Building at the Appomattox High School, replacing the one burned.

Death of Mr. Lester B. Harrison, resident the Appomattox community.

Union Passion Week church services.

A. H. S. baseball team begins the season with two victories.

THREE YEARS AGO

Six teams are lined up for play in the Sattine League.

Coach Gordon Bragg accepts position as summer recreational director here.

HOMEMAKERS' ITEMS

Make your own dairy foods at home.

Learn ways to use excess cream, milk and sour milk which accumulate on the farm during the spring and summer months.

Such dairy products as butter, American cheese, cottage cheese, frozen desserts, yogurt, and various flavored milk drinks can be made easily in the home with the simple equipment usually found in the kitchen.

See your county agent, or write the Extension Service at V. P. I. Blacksburg, for a free copy of Bulletin 180, "For Your Health—Dairy Foods You can Make at Home."

Frequent use of the new plentiful citrus fruits is an excellent way to increase the vitamin C content of family diets.

Fresh oranges, grapefruit, and lemons are now abundant throughout the southeast.

USDA crop reports indicate that more than 76 million boxes of the 117 million-box orange crop remained unharvested the first of March. Nationally, this season's grapefruit crop is smaller than last year, but Florida has a record crop of very good quality, and plentiful supplies are reaching the southeastern market from there.

An orange a day, or half a grapefruit for breakfast will furnish a good share of daily vitamin C needs.

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CHWOOD, April 1.- "A clear ence is a soft pillow."- Quot-

ine services at the Central at Church at 11 A. M. Sunday.

and Mrs. D. A. Pugh visited Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Marsh on y afternoon.

and Mrs. Robert Hunter were ests last week of Mr. and Walter Hunter.

and Mrs. E. R. Davis and Mr. Mrs. W. F. Woodall were the Sunday evening of Mr. and D. A. Pugh.

Willie Pugh was in Lynch- Sunday.

ace Martin, of Chincoteague, spent the week-end with his ts, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mar-

a Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Holland, ashington are visiting here friends.

n Marvis Wooldridge visited Mrs. D. A. Pugh Sunday morn-

Evergreen

EVERGREEN, April 1.- Those from the Methodist Church who attended the quarterly conference at Pamplin Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Staples, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Jennings, Mrs. Jessie Carwile, D. R. Richardson, Peyton Harvey and Mrs. John H. Ranson.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hawks, and family, of Hixburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Franklin Sunday evening.

Mrs. Louise Farrar and girls, Patricia and Nell spent the week-end in Lynchburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Baker and son, Mrs. Emma Thomas and Mrs. S. G. Anderson spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Baker, at Darlington Heights.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Sweeney and Mrs. Lolla Sweeney and Mrs. Clara Garrett were supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Garrett Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Clapp and family called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lacy Sharp Sunday evening.

Mrs. Lowell Fleshman and son spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Garrett.

Stewart Paulette, of Richmond, spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Paulette.

Mr. and Mrs. Reed Evans and family, of Lynchburg visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. T. Evans Sunday.

Mrs. Carl Womack spent several days last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Austin, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. O. C. Paulette called in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Farrar Friday evening.

Mrs. Frank Austin visited in the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Farrar, who has been ill for some time, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Young, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Young.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Grishaw and daughter, Brenda were visiting in Lynchburg Sunday evening.

Z. V. Harvey and little Barbara Kay Staples and Mrs. Carl Womack are on the sick list.

J. E. Paulette and girls, of Madison Heights visited in the home of his mother, Mrs. O. C. Paulette and Kermit Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Hamilton and boys, Richard and Donald visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Davis, of Farmville Sunday evening.

Mrs. Robert Lucado and daughter, of Lynchburg spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ferguson. Mrs. A. W. Covington and son called in this home on Sunday.

Vera

VERA, April 1.- Mrs. J. H. O'Brien entertained the New Hope W. M. U. Mission Study group at her home on Wednesday. She taught the book so interestingly and everyone enjoyed the day.

Charlie Harvey returned to Blacksburg Monday after having a week's vacation at home.

Warren Scruggs celebrated his birthday Saturday night. A large crowd of young people were present. They enjoyed the occasion and went away wishing him many happy returns.

There was a big crowd at Vera on Friday night for the Womanless Wedding at the school. It was well received and their were other items of entertainment equally as good. A number of prizes were presented and everything passed off so nicely everyone present really seemed to enjoy the program.

Those visiting Miss Marguerite Gilliam on Sunday were Mrs. Eva Hayden, of Richmond; Mrs. Lester S. Harvey, Mrs. Ida Morris, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey and Mazie and Harriette.

Mrs. Charles Johnson, of Ellensburg; Willie Mason and Miss Etta Mason were visitors in the home of T. C. Harvey Sunday.

Vernon Beasley spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover Beasley. Other visitors in this same home were Mr. and Mrs. Dick Webb and Barney; Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Watson, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Harvey, Mazie and Harriette.

We are glad to know that Miss Mary Covington, who has been ill, is much better.

Wesley Franklin continues ill.

Lewis Turnes left for West Virginia Monday to spend the summer with his son, Dewey.

Rocks

ROCKS, March 30.- Farmers are busy plowing. Work has started on the bridge across the creek at Wiley Ranson's.

Mrs. E. S. Roach is out after having the flu.

Mrs. L. C. Elder is not so well.

Friends are happy to know that Mrs. Elbert Dinkins has returned from the hospital after an operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson, of Brookneal were in the neighborhood Friday.

Quite a large crowd was out at prayer meeting Tuesday night. The Rev. David L. Bailey had charge of the service.

Diane Byrd Inge celebrated her 3rd birthday last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson have television.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach went to Pamplin Saturday.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Ranson.

Cassie Baldwin was in the neighborhood awhile Sunday afternoon.

Quite a few from Rocks went to Evergreen Sunday morning for the preaching service there.

Mrs. D. R. Inge spent Saturday night and Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Richardson, and attended Sunday School and preaching at Evergreen on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ranson and children called to see Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Wooldridge near Evergreen Sunday afternoon.

Friends are sorry to hear that Woodrow Fleshman is ill. He is a patient at the Virginia Baptist Hospital.

A meeting is going on at Forest Chapel.

A. H. S. Newscast

Hi Gang!

This has been a rather eventful week with plenty of activities.

The F. F. A. sponsored one of those bang-up square dances. This was a big affair Friday night, with plenty of dancing and also a cake walk. Everyone had a wonderful time, as they usually do. That will probably be the last dance for a while, due to the baseball games.

The Tri-Hi-Y and Hi-Y clubs presented a talent show to the high school and grades Tuesday. Different students displayed their talent in singing, dancing and playing. There were also imitations of the teachers and a few lines from the senior play were quoted as a form of advertisement. The money from the program will be used to send several students to the Model General Assembly in April.

We had as speaker for the Wednesday assembly, Dr. Solon B. Cousins. Dr. Cousins is conducting a revival at Liberty Baptist Church this week. We were honored to have him speak to us, and we enjoyed his message.

The S. C. A. held a meeting Friday. The delegates who attended the state convention in Farmville made reports. These reports were very interesting and helpful to the homeroom representatives.

The regular meeting of the Senior Tri-Hi-Y was held on Monday morning. The speaker for the program was the Rev. W. A. Irving, of Gladstone. He spoke of "The Platform of the Tri-Hi-Y." After his message, the meeting adjourned with the Tri-Hi-Y benediction.

The Seniors are working very hard on their play, which is to be presented April 10. Practice is in full swing and the cast is working extra hard. The play is about an insane asylum for teachers and will keep you laughing from start to finish. It is something you will not want to miss.

The baseball team started off its season with a game at Dan River, Virginia. The Blue Hornets won 13 to 2. That's a wonderful start. Let us keep up the good work, boys.

—PEGGY ELLEN COLE.

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Might As Well "Get In Key"
Last Tuesday Judge Cunningham wanted to go fishing. "Why aren't you working?" I asked.
Judge explained how his wife had gone on a trip, taken his keys by mistake—and now he couldn't get in the office. So we went fishing.
Next day, he wanted me to go again. I was surprised those keys hadn't shown up yet. "The little woman phoned to say she *mailed* them," the Judge explained. "They're now in the office, under the mail slot. I'd get 'em if I could just open that door." He grinned and picked up his fishing rod.
"Great little woman, the wife. You can always count on her. Let's go!"
From where I sit, we can use tolerance like the Judge shows for his wife's absent-mindedness . . . and she shows for his habit of lighting out for the fishing hole at every opportunity. He can't see why she likes tea, and she doesn't share his taste for a glass of beer. But they get along fine! Learning to respect other people's ways will "open the door" to happier living.
Joe Marsh
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